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DEPT. PASS TO WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. FRANK PRESS, OSTP;
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TATT, ENRG, TECH, JA
SUBJECT: SIDE DISCUSSIONS ON SPACE COOPERATION AND
ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S DURING USG/GOJ ENERGY R&D NEGOTIATIONS

1. PRIOR TO SEPT. 4 OPENING PLENARY, NSC'S HUBERMAN AND
EMBASSY SCI COUNSELOR BLOOM MET WITH MOFA S&T DIRGEN
YATABE TO CLARIFY GOJ POSITION ON SPACE COOPERATION; I.E.
WHETHER SUCH PROGRAMS WERE TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE
SCOPE OF THE FUKUDA INITIATIVE, SINCE WE HAD
RECEIVED IMPRESSION GOJ MIGHT WANT TO DO THIS AS A
RESULT OF SIGNALS RECEIVED DURING NASA DEPADMIN LOVELACE'S
VISIT. YATABE STATED THAT GOJ DID NOT WANT TO PURSUE
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SPACE COOPERATION WITHIN THE FUKUDA INITIATIVE. HUBERMAN
THEN VOLUNTEERED TO DROP MENTION OF SPACE COOPERATION FROM
CHAIRMAN DEUTCH'S OPENING REMARKS AND PROPOSED FINAL
JOINT PRESS STATEMENT. COMMENT: AS REPORTED EARLIER, WE
WERE AWARE THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL KUMAGAI OF STA WOULD BE
INFORMING NASA ADMINISTRATOR THAT GOJ SPACE ACTIVITIES
COMMISSION HAD ACCEPTED NASA PROPOSAL FOR SPACE COOPERA-

TION. U.S. SIDE TOOK TACIT POSITION THAT SPACE COOPERATION WOULD GO AHEAD WITHOUT NEED FOR ADDITIONAL IMPETUS FROM FUKUDA INITIATIVE. END COMMENT.

2. DURING THREE DAYS OF R&D ENERGY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ, HUBERMAN AND DOE'S SIEVERING HELD A SEPARATE INFORMAL MEETING WITH YATABE, UN BUREAU DEPDIRGEN KOBAYASHI AND COUNSELOR FUJII OF WASHINGTON EMBASSY, TO DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE FUKUDA INITIATIVE TO THE LDC'S. HUBERMAN EXPLAINED THAT U.S. WAS NOT PROPOSING THAT USG AND GOJ ENTER INTO JOINT ENERGY R&D RESEARCH DEDICATED TO LDC'S UNDER FUKUDA PROPOSAL BUT THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN PROJECTS (E.G. SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL AND PERHAPS COAL CONVERSION) IN SUCH A WAY THAT ESSENTIALLY FREE SPIN-OFF COULD ACCRUE TO THE LDC'S. HUBERMAN SUGGESTED THAT POLITICAL LEVEL OFFICIALS ON BOTH SIDES CHARGE TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO BE ALERT TO SUCH POSSIBILITIES AND PROPOSED THAT THERE BE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS CONCEPT AT THE NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING IN WASHINGTON. THE JAPANESE AGREED TO THIS APPROACH. HUBERMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING LDC NEEDS INTO ACCOUNT, IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF UN CONFERENCE ON LDC S&T THAT WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. HE NOTED THAT, IF WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ADDRESSING LDC PROBLEMS WITHIN THE FUKUDA CONTEXT, WE SHOULD NOTE THIS AT THE UPCOMING UN CONFERENCES. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. HUBERMAN ALSO EXPLAINED PREPARATIONS MADE TO DATE FOR THE FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION (FITC), WHOSE PROGRAMS WOULD BE DEDICATED TO RESOLVING VARIED PROBLEMS COMMON TO MANY LDC'S, E.G., ENERGY, TROPICAL DISEASES. HE SUGGESTED THAT, AS A NEXT STEP, THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MAKE CONTACT WITH FITC PLANNING OFFICE HEAD SMUKLER TO DISCUSS FITC PROGRAMS MORE FULLY. TALKS BETWEEN THE FITC AND THE GOJ'S ANALOGOUS UNIT, THE JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA) COULD ALSO THEN TAKE PLACE IN SEVERAL MONTHS. MANSFIELD

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